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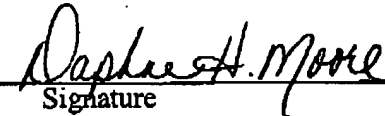
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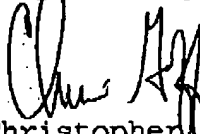
This letter is in response to the Office action dated April 8, 2005 in which an election was required between the species for variables R^2 - R^4 selected from: (1) H; (2) COOH; (3) OH; and (4) $C(O)R^3$. Applicants have also been asked to specify the variables R^3 and R^4 for a given variable R^2 . Applicants elect species (1) H for variables R^2 , R^3 , and R^4 . Claims 1-4, and 6-60 read on the elected species.

Furthermore, applicants are required to elect a sub-species that reads on the linking agent in the second ingredient. The sub-species is selected from: (1) ether; (2) ester; (3) alkyl polyglycoside; (4) amide; (5) amine bond linking a C_8 - C_{18} fatty acid to an aliphatic alcohol; and (6) quaternary ammonium compounds. Applicants elect sub-species (1) ether. Claims 1-11, and 14-38 read on the elected sub-species.

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Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the non-elected species.

Respectfully Submitted,



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